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3,000-ton freighters now under construction at the Neptun werft in Rostock. These ships which were intended almost exclusively for export carried numbers 15, 16 and 19 through 24. The reason for the change was said to be a change in the purpose for which the ships were to be used. These ships were called "Brandwachen" (guardships) and it is believed that the new specifications meet the requirements for auxiliary cruisers. It is said that these ships will have a crew of 250 men each.

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